

Halliwick Park Allotments

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COVID_19

During the lockdown we are following government advice on the use of allotments. The National Association Society of Allotments have issued rules based on this, please check their site for full and latest updates.

<https://www.nsalg.org.uk/news/covid19-information/>

The following are a few reminders for the period that apply to all members and guests:

Anyone who is self isolating because they or a household member is ill must not visit the site.

Only the plot holder and 1 other person are allowed on site at any time. No social gatherings.

Members' children only are allowed, and must stay within your plot and not run around on communal paths and spaces.

The main gate has a rubbish bin for disposable gloves only.

Please do not use the toilets.

Observe "Social Distancing" with each other 2-3 metres.

Do not wash your hands in water tanks.

Do not share tools

Please also note during the Covid19 lockdown the:

- Shop shut
- Hut not opening
- No committee meetings



Portable cameras

Sadly there are a lot of thefts and vandalism incidents at the site. Efforts to install official cctv cameras have been expensive and unproductive as the cameras themselves were stolen, but some plot holders have installed their own solar-powered cctv cameras so you might wish to consider this option.

New Disabled Toilets

A new disabled access toilet has been ordered for the North Field, for the use of everyone. It was decided to concentrate efforts initially on one toilet to allow the budget to stretch to one with disabled access. A small portion of the rent income will be used to employ a weekly cleaner – please respect this facility and help look after it. This will not be until after the pandemic.

South Field Car Park

The committee is hoping to improve the car park on the South Field. Please let us know if you could help fundraise or organise.

Take your rubbish home!

The amount of litter on the site is depressing when we all want to make the site a pleasant place to be. Some of rubbish blows in from the road, but a lot is left from plot holders' picnics, gardening activities and cat feeding. Please take it home.



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Jill Garnett (Plot 20 S)

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Ismal Fuat (Plot 83 N)

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Barnet Allotment Federation:

Jill Garnett (Plot 20 S)



In normal times the hut is manned every Sunday except for the last Sunday of the month, 10am-midday. Do use the postbox on the hut to contact the committee.

Annual General Meeting

The next AGM is on 24th

November 2020, 7.30 for

8pm, New Southgate

Conservative Club, High

Road, New Southgate,

London N11 1PP.

Please arrive at 7.30pm so that we can chat first, before starting the AGM at 8pm.

Attendance is compulsory and failure to attend will result in a £10 fine or possible plot withdrawal.

Please submit questions for the 2020 AGM about the running of the site to the Secretary (Allan) two weeks in advance.

As always, we welcome new members to the Committee – if you are interested, please speak to Allan at least 2 weeks before the AGM

Questions

If you have a question or issue:

- 1) Visit the Secretary (Allan) or Chair (Jeff) at the allotment hut every 2,3 and 4th Sunday of the month from 10-12am.
- 2) Raise it with the Committee in advance of their meetings (30th January, 26th March, 28th May, 30th July, 24th September, 19th Nov).
- 3) Raise it at the AGM on 24th November (submit questions in writing 2 weeks prior).

Rent

Rent is due by the 31st January each year. If rent is not paid in full on time you lose your plot, no notice is given.

Costs of plots for 2020 are:

Full plot £110

Half plot £55.

Fires

Strict rules apply to bonfires, especially as we are so close to the North Circular road so need to be mindful of vehicle visibility and safety - any smoke allowed to drift across a road may endanger traffic and the plot holder may face police prosecution.

June - No bonfires allowed

July, September - Allowed on first Wednesday of the month

October - Allowed after 4pm

November to April - Allowed.

Water Supply

The water supply is turned off during the winter, to comply with Barnet Council regulations.

It may additionally be turned off if a water ban is implemented by Barnet, for example during particularly dry summers. In other circumstances, the use of hosepipes may be banned by Barnet Council, requiring us to rely on watering cans. The Halliwick Allotments Committee is obliged to ensure that these rules are enforced.